


REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 1, 3-6, 8-20, 40, 44 and 45 are allowed. Applicants have canceled remaining claims 21-39 and 41-43 without prejudice.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 2/28/06

By: 
Christopher J. Reckamp
Reg. No. 34,414

Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz, P.C.
222 North LaSalle
Chicago, Illinois 60601-1003
312/609-7500
312/609-5005 Facsimile